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COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2079 ON REINFORCING THE SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WITHIN THE UN

1. AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION THE COUNCIL ONCE AGAIN DEFERRED IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2079 ON REINFORCING THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WITHIN THE UN. THIS US/DUTCH INITIATIVE WHICH DATES BACK TO THE JANUARY 1977 SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, HAS CONTINUALLY RUN INTO OPPOSITION FROM THE G-77 IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE RESOLUTION (2079) WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AT THE SPRING SESSION IN 1977. AT THAT TIME THE YUGOSLAVS INSISTED ON AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD POSTPONE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR UNTIL AFTER THE 32D GA DISCUSSION OF THE IDS. AT THE SUMMER SESSION IN 1977 A DECISION WAS PASSED STATING THAT THE RESOLUTION SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE.

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2. AT THIS SESSION THE YUGOSLAVS AGAIN EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT PREJUDGING THE RESULTS OF THE IDS AS NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THE 32D GA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE G77 STATED IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 2079 WHILE THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS IS STILL GOING ON.

3. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DUTCH WE AGREED TO A DECISION TO DEFER IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 2079 UNTIL THE COUNCIL HAS EXAMINED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE WORK ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN SYSTEM.

4. DURING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND DURING THE SHORT DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT, THE NORDIC AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING THE WORKING GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, FINLAND, US, NETHERLANDS, AND SWEDEN STATED THAT THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THE DECISION TAKEN WOULD NOT PRECLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP AS EARLY AS THE SPRING ECOSOC. YUGOSLAVIA OBJECTED TO THIS INTERPRETATION STATING THAT IN THEIR VIEW THE GROUP SHOULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED UNTIL AFTER THE 33D GA.

5. COMMENT. DURING THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION ON RESTRUCTURING, THE SECRETARIAT STATED THAT THE SYG REPORT ON REORGANIZATION OF THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO ECOSOC AT THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION (SUMMER SESSION) IN 1978. MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WILL BE TO HAVE AN APPROPRIATE INPUT OR INFLUENCE ON THE SYG'S REPORT. WE
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WOULD WELCOME DEPT COMMENTS ON EFFECTIVE ORGNIZATION OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WHICH IS NOW FRAGMENTED AND OF WHICH PART IS SCHEDULED TO MOVE TO VIENNA.

6. THE DRAFT DECISION AS ADOPTED IS AS FOLLOWS:
"TO DEFER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2979(LXII) ON REINFORCING THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS UNTIL THE COUNCIL HAS EXAMINED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE WORK ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM."

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